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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Mark Budd

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takeishi in view of Onishi.

Takeishi (figs. 2 and 11-13) teach the structure of a piezoelectric bulk resonator flip-chip mounted to a substrate using bumps #21 that are typically 5um (col. 10, line 7). Takeishi does not explicitly provide a cover. However, Onishi (especially fig. 4, note #18) teaches providing a housing to protect and shield a flip-chip mounted piezoelectric resonator. Thus for at least these reasons it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide a cover for Takeishi. Regarding claim 3, the number of conductive bumps would be dictated by the number of terminals on the resonator device. Regarding claims 10 and 11, SMR type piezoelectric resonators are well known per se. (note applicants description of the prior art, specification, pages 1-2). Providing multiple piezo resonators in a single housing to save space and materials is also well known per se, (official notice taken). Thus to apply this well known construction for its known purpose using specific resonators as taught by Takeishi would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art.

Regarding claim 6, note "buffer" #7 between the resonator and the substrate (Onishi).

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Further cited of interest are Ellaet (figs. 2D, 4, 5, 7 and 9), Ella (Fig. 21, col. 31, lines 47-57), Muramatsu (fig. 1), Nakatani (fig. 7) and Ella (493) (fig. 12, 13f).

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